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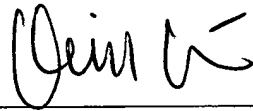
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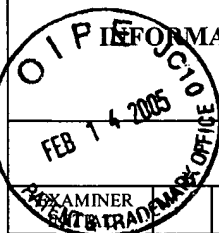
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	AF	5,383,928	01/24/95	Scott et al.	623	1	
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	AH	5,415,664	05/16/95	Pinchuk	606	108	
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